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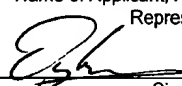
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:
U.S. Application of: Sumiyo TANAKA
For: IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM, IMAGE
SEARCHING METHOD, AND RECORDING
MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE SEARCHING
PROGRAM
Confirmation No.: 8382
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RESPONSE

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002 which provides for a response period ending January 10, 2003.